



*a memorandum from the*  
**Glendale Police Department**

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TO: Marlene H. Dortch

FROM: Sgt. Dave Madeya

SUBJECT: Petition for Rulemaking of LoJack Corporation, filed October 25, 2004.  
ET Docket No. 04-243

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Glendale Police Department strongly supports the above-referenced Petition for Rulemaking filed by LoJack Corporation requesting that the Commission expand the permitted uses and modify the technical requirements for operations on 173.075 MHz. The Glendale Police Department also supports LoJack's request, in the comments it filed in ET Docket No. 04-243, that the Commission provide for a fourteen year transition period, commencing with the effective date of the final rules in the proceeding, to convert to narrowband operations on 173.075 MHz.

The Glendale Police Department is located within the City of Glendale, which is a border city of Phoenix. The City of Glendale is the fourth largest city in Arizona with over 230,000 people. The Auto Theft Unit within the City of Glendale has been using LoJack for the last 5-6 years. During this time period we have developed a strong relationship that has not only benefited the department, but has benefited the unit as well. We currently have 1 sergeant and 5 detectives that work in the auto theft unit and use the LoJack system for recovering stolen vehicles.

As described in the petition, LoJack seeks rule changes to allow it to provide public safety entities with additional services that will help us function better. LoJack also seeks changes to the technical rules that, in addition to facilitating these additional services, will enable LoJack to improve the performance of its stolen vehicle recovery system and to compensate for the effects of converting to narrowband operations. We believe LoJack's system enhancements will benefit us greatly.

The Glendale Police Department has been using the LoJack recovery system for the past 5-6 years. The Auto Theft Unit has a LoJack recovery system in one of our detective's take-home vehicle that has led to several stolen vehicle recoveries. We also have several of our patrol units equipped with LoJack systems. These systems help us recover stolen vehicles at a higher rate. Once a vehicle is stolen that is equipped with LoJack, that vehicle is entered into a national database, and once entered the LoJack system is activated. Once a patrol car comes within a certain mile radius of the stolen vehicle they are able to track the signal right to the car. The LoJack system has been a vital recovery tool for the auto theft unit. In January of 2004 we were able to follow the signal of LoJack to a vehicle repair shop where we found an additional 9 stolen vehicles. We were able to

charge the owner with operating a chop shop and close down the business. LoJack tracking units have also helped us catch armed robbery suspects and car jacking suspects over the last few years.

Our organization would use and benefit from LoJack's proposed new services. For instance, by obtaining the position of stolen vehicles via GPS, we will be able to dispatch tracker equipped patrol vehicles to the general area where the stolen vehicles are located, and then perform the final tracking and make our operations more efficient and significantly reduce the time elapsed from the theft of a vehicle and its recovery. This equates to far less damage to recovered vehicles and improved recovery rates.

As our country becomes a target for terrorist activities, we are increasingly concerned regarding the movement of hazardous and dangerous cargoes. LoJack's cargo tracking devices will enable us to track and recover stolen cargo that could threaten public safety and national security throughout all of North America. This will be accomplished by establishing a police operated national database of LoJack equipped containers and cargoes, which can be queried by any law enforcement agency in the United States.

We also support LoJack's concept of including additional public safety and security features in its network. In addition to stolen vehicle recovery, LoJack may provide automatic notification of a severe accident, including the location of the accident, directly to public safety. The network may also indicate the need for emergency medical or other assistance as appropriate. Finally, we support LoJack's concept of tracking individuals who are at risk, either to themselves or their community, including Alzheimer's victims, autistic children, and candidates for home arrest.

We respectfully ask the Commission to initiate the rulemaking LoJack proposed in its Petition. We also urge the Commission to provide Lojack with a fourteen-year period to complete its transition to the new narrowband operations.

Sincerely,

Dave Madeya  
Investigations Sergeant